

Dr. Cheryl McAuley, Director



Cheryl McAuley is the past president of the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table in Huntsville, Alabama. Cheryl holds an undergraduate degree in piano performance from West Chester University, a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in public management from George Mason University, a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership from University of Phoenix.

In her civilian career, she served as an intelligence analyst and later led civilians and military members assigned to the Department of Defense (War) at the Pentagon and Washington Navy Yard. As an Army National Guard soldier and Army Reservist of 30 yrs, Cheryl served in the enlisted, commissioned and warrant ranks, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, Military Intelligence Branch. After 9-11, she was deployed to the Horn of Africa and later volunteered for a one-year tour in Baghdad, Iraq.

Cheryl is a published author who chronicled her 2017 journey of climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa with her husband, John. She also wrote two books which contain her memoirs and lessons learned. During COVID, she developed a program about Professor Thaddeus Lowe, an Aeronaut in the American Civil War, and has presented it to several adult continuing education groups, history groups, and Civil War Round Tables.